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S. 3321

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide coordinated leadership in Federal efforts to prevent and reduce overweight and obesity and to promote sound health and nutrition among Americans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 23, 2008

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. MIKULSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FEDERAL TASK FORCE ON OBESITY.**

4 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

1 **“SEC. 399R. FEDERAL TASK FORCE ON OBESITY.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall convene
3 a Task Force on Obesity (referred to in this section as
4 the ‘Task Force’) to—

5 “(1) establish a government-wide strategy for
6 preventing and reducing overweight and obesity that
7 includes defining clear roles, responsibilities, and ac-
8 countability for all agencies of the Federal Govern-
9 ment;

10 “(2) coordinate effective interagency coordina-
11 tion and priorities for action among Federal agen-
12 cies, including short-term and long-term goals for
13 childhood and adult obesity rates; and

14 “(3) implement and evaluate the effectiveness
15 of such strategy.

16 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall be
18 composed of—

19 “(A) the Secretary (or his or her designee)
20 of—

21 “(i) the Department of Health and
22 Human Services;

23 “(ii) the Department of Agriculture;

24 “(iii) the Department of Education;

25 “(iv) the Federal Trade Commission;

1 “(v) the Department of Transpor-
2 tation;

3 “(vi) the Department of Defense;

4 “(vii) the Department of Veterans Af-
5 fairs;

6 “(viii) the Department of Interior;

7 “(ix) the Department of Labor; and

8 “(x) any other Federal agency that
9 the chairperson determines appropriate;
10 and

11 “(B) the Chairman (or his or her designee)
12 of the Federal Communications Commission.

13 “(2) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson of the
14 Task Force shall be—

15 “(A) an individual appointed by the Presi-
16 dent; and

17 “(B) until the date that an individual is
18 appointed under subparagraph (A), the Sec-
19 retary.

20 “(c) MEETINGS.—The Task Force shall meet at the
21 call of the chairperson.

22 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than January 1, 2010, and
23 on annual basis thereafter through January 1, 2015, the
24 Task Force shall submit to the President and to the rel-
25 evant committees of Congress, a report that—

1 “(1) describes the activities and efforts to pre-
2 vent and reduce overweight and obesity conducted by
3 the Task Force during the year to which the report
4 relates; and

5 “(2) evaluates the effectiveness of such activi-
6 ties and efforts to prevent and reduce overweight
7 and obesity.”.

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